Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Arising out of the answer of the Hon. the Leader of the House, am I to understand that our Ministers go to Delhi with only one or two days' programme but that they get so much absorbed in the discussion with the Members of Parliament from the South that they continue to stay there for more than five or six days?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : I wish it were true, but it is not.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : What is the result of the discussion which the Ministers had with the Members of Parliament from the South? Have they made representations to the Central authorities and in what way have schemes and plans been expedited?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : It is well-known that the Government make representations to the Central Government. In order to enable the Members of Parliament to function efficiently, the Government give some background material with regard to the points which are taken up by the State Government with the Central Government. When matters arise for discussion in the Parliament, Members are expected to use the background material which is furnished to them by the Ministers.

Families from Madras State settled in the Andamans.

* 7 *Q.*—Sri S. T. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of families from the State of Madras settled in the Andamans under the Five-Year Scheme drawn up by the Government of India for the development and colonization of the Andaman Islands (i) in the year 1956–57 ; (ii) in the year 1957–58 and (iii) up to date;

(*b*) the aid given to each family; and

(*c*) the number of such families repatriated from Ceylon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The number of families sent for colonization of the Andamans under the Government of India's Scheme are as follows :—

1955	Four families.
1956	Nil.
1957	Seven families.
1958	The allotted quota is 13. The families have not yet been selected.

(*b*) Each family is given an *ex gratia* grant for passage and incidental expenses and subsistence for a limited period on settlement on the island and loans for house-building, plough animals,

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utensils, seeds and manures, etc. for starting their life there, in addition to land given for cultivation. The amounts vary from time to time. The figures for 1957 are Rs. 455 as grant and Rs. 930 as loan.

(c) The quota for 1958 is to be drawn from Ceylon repatriates. No Ceylon repatriate has been sent previously.

SRI S. T. ADITYAN : Are there any applications from the Ceylon repatriates for this purpose and, if so, how many applications have been received?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Collectors have been asked to secure applications, but the information that I have is that so far there have been no applications.

DR. V. K. JOHN : What is the number of repatriates from Ceylon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : A separate question may be put.

DR. V. K. JOHN : What is the number of Tamilians in Ceylon who are Stateless?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

DR. V. K. JOHN : Have the Government taken any interest in the Tamilians coming from Ceylon in order to resettle or rehabilitate them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The Government have been taking considerable interest in the matter and if the hon. Member will put a separate question, I shall give the particulars.

DR. V. K. JOHN : With what result?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Again, I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question.

SRI S. T. ADITYAN : Have the Government given extensive publicity to the fact that the Ceylon repatriates will be preferred for this, for instance, through newspapers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The present idea is to settle in the Andamans some artisan families among the Ceylon repatriates. Instructions have been issued to the Repatriation Society at Tiruchendur to send a list of persons wishing to go to the Andamans. Further, the Collectors, the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Director of Industries and Commerce have also been requested to give preference to the Ceylon repatriates while selecting the artisan families for settlement in the Andamans.

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I ask the Home Minister whether the families who go to the Andamans will settle there permanently or, after a lapse of time, return to their parent States?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The idea is that they should settle themselves there. But it is open to them to rehabilitate themselves there permanently or to return.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is there any basis for selection of families for settlement in the Andamans?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The present idea is that for this year, the artisans among the repatriates should be selected for settlement in the Andamans.

SRI S. T. ADITYAN : Am I correct in saying that we from the Madras State have contributed the lowest number of families for settlement in the Andamans?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is so.

SRI S. T. ADITYAN : May I suggest that it is due to want of publicity in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Rather I feel that it is not quite attractive to the repatriates.

SRI S. T. ADITYAN : The Tamilians who have settled in Ceylon, for instance, will find almost the same conditions in the Andamans—the same amount of rainfall, vegetation, etc. Has this been made clear to the people? Are there any handbooks or literature published on the subject by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information as to what literature or handbooks have been published on the subject. But one can well understand the psychology of the poor repatriates. They have come from Ceylon and they will not be immediately prepared to go to the Andamans and settle there.

Minerals in Kanyakumari district.

* 8 *Q.*—SRI S. P. SIVASUBRAMANYA NADAR (on behalf of Sri K. T. Kosalram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that gold and other mineral ores are found in the Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) if so, whether any geological survey has been taken up in this regard; and

(*c*) the stage at which the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) to (*c*) The geological mapping and mineral survey in Kanyakumari district were commenced by the Geological Survey of India during the field season 1957-58. An area of about 35 square miles falling within the

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hilly areas of the Thovala taluk has been mapped so far. The investigation conducted so far has not brought to light any occurrence of gold-bearing quartz. The minerals so far met with are graphite and ilmenite. The systematic mapping of the district will be continued in the ensuing field season.

SRI S. T. ADITYAN : Graphite, as everybody knows, is a kind of ordinary building stone. Considering that ilmenite may be valuable, may I know the quantity that is available there and whether it is valuable from the point of view of economics?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The quantity is just of the order of 15,000 tons.

SRI T. G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is the Hon. Minister aware that graphite is not a building stone but a kind of coal, carbon?

SRI S. T. ADITYAN : I thought it was granite.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The information may be exchanged between the two Members.

Payment of salary to the ayahs in the Gobichettipalayam Block Development area.

3-10 p.m.

* 9 *Q.*—SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there has been inordinate delay in the payment of salary to the ayahs employed in the different maternity and child welfare centres in the Gobichettipalayam Block Development area and, if so, the reasons therefor;

(*b*) whether those centres have been recently taken over by the Health Department; and

(*c*) if so, from what date?

THE HON. SRI. M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) There was some delay in the payment of salary to ayahs attached to the Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in the Gobichettipalayam Block Development area, due to administrative reasons. The salaries of the ayahs have since been paid up to date.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) From 9th August 1957.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether the delay has been in the case of ayahs alone or whether there has been any delay in the case of other categories of employees also?

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question relates to ayahs only.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The question relates to ayahs and information was got only about them.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : When district boards and municipalities were functioning, all other categories of employees were paid first and teachers were paid last. Is it so that in this case, ayahs were paid last and that there was no delay in the case of others in that Block?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Anyway, teachers are not involved in this. (Laughter.)

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : I have brought in only the analogy of teachers. I hope the Hon. Minister will understand my question. My question is why there should be delay in payment in the case of ayahs alone. I want to know whether there was any delay in the case of other employees also or whether they were paid regularly.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : This does not refer to municipalities and district boards. It refers to the Block Development Office. The administration was changed over from the Block Development Department to the Public Health Department. The change over took place on 6th January 1958 and we had to get the last pay certificates and all that. Payment was made on 24th February 1958.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I know why teachers and ayahs are mixed up by the hon. Member representing the Teachers' constituency?

SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER : Is it a fact that these centres have been retransferred to the Primary Health Centres or the Medical Department?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The question of paying ayahs and others was being dealt with by the Block Development Office. But now the Public Health Department is asked to do that.

SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER : On reliable information, I know that the maternity centres are again transferred back to the Primary Health Centres and that doctors there are in charge of these.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Member's sources of information seem to be speedier than mine. If he can give sufficient information, I shall tell him the position.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : While the Hon. Minister has failed to have any appreciation of the difficulties of the ayahs, is it wrong on the part of the teachers' representative to have some sympathy for them?

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : 24–2–58 அன்று சம்பளம் பட்டுவாடா செய்யப்பட்டதாக அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறினார்கள். கனம் அங்கத்தினருடைய கேள்வி அரசாங்கத்திற்கு வந்தபிறகு சம்பள பாக்கி பட்டுவாடா செய்யப்பட்டதா ? அல்லது அதற்கு முன்னாலேயே கொடுக்கப்பட்டதா ?